



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**AMENDMENT "A"**

APPLICANT: Bryan et al. DOCKET NO.: P98,0775  
SERIAL NO: 08/856,846 GROUP ART UNIT: 3738  
FILED: May 15, 1997 EXAMINER: T. Nguyen  
INVENTION: "HUMAN SPINAL DISC PROSTHESIS"

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please amend this application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 10, third full paragraph, line 2, after "annular gasket" please change "24" to--22--.

Page 10, third full paragraph, line 3, after "damaged nucleus" please change "22" to--24--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 3,4 and 6:

3. (Amended) The vertebral disc endoprosthesis according to <sup>claim 6</sup>~~Claim 1~~ wherein said resilient [nucleus] nuclear body comprises a relatively resilient central body, wherein the endoprosthesis further includes a gasket surrounding a circumference of the central body, the resilient [nucleus] nuclear

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